GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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IMPLEMENTATION OF NPCB IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of General Hospitals which have been upgraded so far to provide clinical and surgical opthalmic services to rural communities under National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) in Karnataka; and

(b) the details of hospitals proposed to be upgraded under the above programme during 2000-2001?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) 24 District Hospitals have been upgraded under the National Programme for Control of Blindness to provide Eye Care Services to rural communities. Each district has Mobile Ophthalmic Unit, which organizes screening camps in rural areas and brings cases requiring surgical services to the base hospital.

(b) During the year 2000-01, District Hospitals are being strengthened to perform IOL Cataract Surgery by supply of requisite equipments and training of eye surgeons. Rs.10 lakh have also been allocated to the State Government for repairs and renovation of Eye Ward and Operation Theatres.